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A VNOS station is under the operational control of the border guard unit in the border area in which it is located. If it is a border area in which there are 10-15 border guard detachments, there will be a VNOS representative at the border guard headquarters. In a smaller area, however, liaison is on a personal basis, and the VNOS station is, for all practical purposes, an operational unit of the border guard headquarters concerned. VNOS stations, then, operate under double command channels; operationally, they are under the border guard headquarters in the area concerned, but policy and administrative decisions come down through VNOS channels.

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Soviet forces dominate the German border guards at all such established crossing points as roads, bridges, and rail lines. Seemingly vulnerable border areas such as open fields are patrolled by horse-mounted guards.

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The UKR/OKR officer maintains liaison with the Party organizer but makes no open contact with individual Party members. He sits in on Party meetings to observe the political frame of mind of the officers, in particular, and in Germany, the UKR/OKR representative sat in on even the required German language course sessions. Though strictly Party matters fall outside the UKR/OKR officer's purview, the fact that he has access to the unit's Secret Room and is empowered to use any of the classified documents actually assures him full knowledge of all Party and political matters. If the responsibility for a major infraction of rules or regulations, defection, for instance, cannot be narrowed down to one individual such as the unit commanding officer, the UKR/OKR officer and the political officer share the guilt with the CO.

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An industrial establishment producing war materiel is guarded by a uniformed guard force consisting very possibly of MGB personnel, and the deputy director of such a plant is an MGB man. Guards on collective farms and at stores and banks, on the other hand, are under MVD control. Railroad facilities are under MVD guard. Personnel wear dark blue uniforms with shoulderboards of white piped with dark red. Any special materiel, such as a shipment of tanks, moves under a special guard consisting, quite possibly, of personnel from the unit to which the materiel is consigned.

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